

TOWN OF YAMPA – OCTOBER 2019 NEWSLETTER

WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS – Scott Contracting began work on the transmission line replacement project on September 23, 2019. They will complete their work at the intersection of Moffat and Main at County Road 7 very soon and then move their work south of town. Thank you very much for your patience and understanding with the work that is going on right now. There will be one more water shut off before the project is complete. The date is unknown right now but will be posted on the website when more information is available and notices will be posted throughout town.

WASTEWATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS – Nothing new to report.

WATER USAGE GALLONS CHANGE – In September, the gallons of water allowed at the base rate of \$45.00 per month, goes back to 5,000. Any usage over the 5,000 gallons will be billed at the metered rate of \$3.92 per thousand gallons or increments thereof. The September usage will be displayed on your October bill.

LATE CHARGES ON WATER/SEWER PAYMENTS – Payments are due the last day of the month and late charges will be assessed the first day of the following month per ordinance.

AGENDA ITEMS - Agenda items for the November 6 town board meeting will be due Friday, October 25, 2019, 4:00 pm.

HALLOWEEN – THURSDAY, OCTOBER 31 – Let's work hard at keeping it a safe night for little ghosts and goblins.

YAMPA ARTS AND CRAFTS FAIR – A reminder for vendors wanting to participate in the Yampa Arts and Crafts Fair that will be held on Saturday, November 16, to contact Nita Naugle at 970-638-0452 or via email at n_naugle@yahoo.com to get your booth space.

SOUTH ROUTT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL'S VETERANS DAY PROGRAM - If you are a Veteran or know a Veteran or active duty military member that we can recognize, please submit a picture with their name, branch and/or wars served and relation to the community to Allison Nees, Elementary Music Teacher at anees@southrouttk12.org. Only submit NEW veterans, they will be added to those featured in last years slideshow. The Veterans Day Program will be November 7th at 2:30pm in the Elementary School's Gym.

TOWN OF YAMPA WEBSITE- www.townofyampa.com. Check it out! Comments can be left on the website.

CHIMNEY CLEANING BRUSHES – The Yampa Fire Department has a chimney cleaning brush available for residents to use. The brush is kept at Montgomery's General Merchandise; phone 638-4531, if you wish to use it. The Department requires a \$10 deposit, which is returned when the brush is returned to Montgomery's General Merchandise.

RECOMMENDED – WINTERIZE VACANT AND SECOND HOMES FOR WINTER – As Yampa has several residents who leave for the winter or have second homes that don't get many visits in the winter, may we suggest that you hire a licensed plumber to winterize your home. This involves shutting off the water supply to your home at the curb stop and blowing air through all the pipes in the house with an air compressor. A plumber will properly drain water heaters, sprinkler systems, and any appliances that use water. A good winterization on a house will cost you some money obviously, but possibly thousands less than what you would pay for cleanup, repairs and the hassle that comes with broken pipes. Pouring anti-freeze in drains and toilets is not enough.

GOT MEDICARE? - It's time to revisit your Medicare Part D Drug Plan and determine if you're enrolled in the most affordable plan for 2020. South Routt Appointments will be held at the Oak Creek Town Hall on Wednesdays...October 30 – 9:00 – 12:00, November 6 – 1:00 – 4:00, November 13 – 9:00 – 12:00 and November 20 – 1:00 – 4:00. Call 970-819-6401 to schedule your FREE appointment with a certified Northwest Colorado Medicare Counselor. Walk ins accepted as time permits.

TOWN OFFICES CLOSED – Yampa Town offices will be closed on Monday, October 14, 2019 for Columbus Day and November 11, 2019 for Veteran's Day.

YAMPA-EGERIA HISTORICAL SOCIETY – The Society has projects in the works and there is always room for volunteers. Memberships are \$20, and donations of any size will be gratefully accepted. Membership forms can be obtained from Nora at Crossan's. Your contribution will assist in preserving the history of our beautiful area. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 17, 2019, 5:15 pm, first floor at Crossan's, 101 Main St.

SNIPPETS of HISTORY-ITEMS from October, 1909, YAMPA LEADER NEWSPAPERS

Oct. 1.... There have been some very enjoyable stag parties before in Yampa, but the farewell dinner at the Royal Hotel last night given by B. L. Dart to a number of his gentleman friends on the eve of his departure for his new home in Myton, Utah, was the swellest occasion of the kind that has ever occurred in this part of Routt County.... After a splendid dinner had been partaken of, a few appropriate addresses were made, indicating the appreciation of the community for Mr. Dart's work as a Yampa booster, and wish him the greatest measure of prosperity and happiness in his new home. Twenty-five guests were present.

-M. I Montgomery will return about Oct. 10 from Rifle with two wagon loads of apples and other fruits. He will sell them out at living prices. This will give you an opportunity to secure your winter supply at lowest cost.

-Every train from Denver this week has brought in large numbers of hunters who wanted to get into the hills and get their camps established by the time deer season opened this morning. Over 100 sportsmen have outfitted in Yampa, and many more at other points in the county.... The great influx of hunters has made business lively for the hotels and livery barns. Every available horse has been pressed into service for use in the hills.

Oct. 8.... If anyone doubts that potatoes thrive in Egeria park, they can surely be convinced by the record made by W. R. Whitely and his son John on their ranch four miles north of town. They have gathered 450 bushels of splendid spuds from one acre of ground.

-The many friends of John D. Foster and wife will be pleased to learn that their two young sons, who have been dangerously ill with typhoid fever at the family home on Yellow jacket, are reported as now improving, though very slowly.... W. C. Buck, who last week, was dangerously ill with typhoid fever, is now much better, and there are good prospects for his early recovery.

-Over a score of fine deer have been shipped out from Yampa this week secured by hunters in the Flattops. Up to Wednesday morning only one deer had been shipped from Steamboat.

Oct. 15.... Max Gumprecht has rented from W. Carle the bowling alley building north of the Leader office (was located on the south east corner of Second Street and Main Street), and it is rumored will have an announcement to make regarding a new business house which will be of great interest to the people of Yampa and vicinity. (Note- it became a new mercantile store.)

-T. F Broderick has purchased the several buildings on Moffat Avenue belonging to the Bijou estate (note- little known fact, the Bijous were a very early founding French- Canadian family here in Yampa). The property is that formerly occupied by the Swan candy store and barber shop and the Piereen Saloon, with the small building now occupied by Mrs. Diane Davis.

-The Leader family is enjoying some particularly fine potatoes grown by A. C. Burgess, samples of his crop. From three quarters of an acre he has harvested over five tons, practically all of them being of uniform size and splendid quality.

Oct. 22.... Walter I. Sanders, an old friend of John T. Jarvie (note- an early homesteader in Brown's Park, very interesting fellow) who was murdered in brown's Park in July, says the killing was done by a member of the old Tracy gang, who thirsted for revenge.

-Robert Crossan has been quite ill for the past 10 days with typhoid-pneumonia. The fever has broken.

-Unless the Steamboat Sentinel is more careful, it is liable to be barred from the U. S. mails. Its department of "Society" news from Steamboat's houses of ill repute makes it unfit to enter any home.

-Mrs. Carrie Bemis left Saturday for the east, to spend the winter with a son. She will return in the spring.... Al Williams of Toponas made one of his infrequent trips to town this week.... Charles Cromar and wife of Pueblo are here for a visit with their friends, L. Bressler and family.... Dominick Groff, who is employed at the Oak Hills coal mine, came to Yampa Saturday to have the first finger of his right hand amputated.

Oct. 29.... That the town people of Yampa are determined that this town shall grow and prosper was made evident by the result of the special election of the taxpayers when the question of whether or not a gravity system of water works to be owned and maintained by the town should be installed was decided favorably by a vote of 33 for to 3 against.... The fact that fire plugs will be located upon the street corners and that pressure will be sufficient to throw a stream twice as high as any building.... The source of supply being the underflow of the river, filtered through the sand, ensures pure water, and will protect the health of the residents of the town.

-The weather bureau has been predicting a cold wave for the latter part of this week. Perhaps the dust storm today is preliminary to the arrival of the cold snap. Throughout October the weather has been simple perfect.